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1.53(b))

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification | Total Pages <u>54</u> | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation) |
| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) | Total Pages <u>14</u> | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c). |
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| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from prior application (37CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed) [Note Box 4 Below] | | <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations |
| i. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u>
Signed statement attached deleting Inventor(s) named in the prior appln.
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). | | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a Copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein. | | 10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
<i>(Should be specifically itemized)</i> |
| | | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Statement filed in prior Application, Statement(s) Status still proper and desired |
| | | 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified copy(ies) of Japanese priority document(s) No(s). P2002-370518 filed December 20, 2002, and P2003-111614 filed April 16, 2003. |

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RE: New U.S. Application for Letters Patent entitled
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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.41(c), I am filing the attached application, including 9 claims (1 independent), 14 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-23) and the filing fee of \$770.00 on behalf of

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and request that the application be assigned a serial number and filing date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d).

Very truly yours,

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